

Fighting Instincts in Man.

There is not the slightest certainty that any invention, however, terrible, would put an end to war; while there is almost a certainty that if such an invention were perfected it would grievously increase the miseries of mankind. Taken in the lump, men will face any means of destruction whatsoever, if also they possess it themselves. Give two men pistols, and they will fight across a handkerchief. They are not afraid of death, but only of death without a chance of victory. King Theodore, of Abyssinia, asked his carriers, when the rocket sticks fell at his feet, if he could reasonably be expected to face things like those, and ultimately, in pure despair of defeating science with unscientific weapons, killed himself; but if he had also had possessed rockets he would have fought on. No men, not even Prussian sailors or English sailors, will face shells without shells to throw back; but when they have shells they face the enemy's shell as bravely as they did the old round shot. The methods of war are changed by science, but war is not extinguished. Suppose it true that able chemists and mechanicians could invent a method of throwing asphyxiating vapor on a sleeping army, what would be the result? First, the adoption of some protective covering, such as iron-clad huts for sleeping in; next, the adoption of a method of encamping which spread the army over a surface too great or too uneven to be reached; and next, the use of such devices as were used by the assailing forces. Huxley would march with his fishermen to choke Tyndall and his Alpine climbers. War would then consist mainly of efforts to obtain advantageous positions, from which showers of death would be thrown, but war would not cease. Forlorn hopes would be organized among chemists or mechanicians as easily as among soldiers, enormous rewards would be paid to the new warriors, and nations would fight each other as briskly as ever.—London Spectator.

Gen. Fitz Hugh Lee, democratic candidate for governor of Virginia, made use of the following language in a recent speech at Winchester, Va., which we think will make good chewing for the bloody shirt part of the republican party: "I thank God that white winged peace broods over the land. I came here to preach peace and not war, to carry as my standard the stars and stripes and not the bloody shirt. I thank God that the question of secession has been forever settled, and that now at last every star in our glorious old flag has a meaning. I thank God that no vestige of carpetbaggism or scalawag government remains to vex the people."

A Hen Convention.

Mr. J. M. McCann, of Bridgeport, W. Va., a contributor to poultry journals of the United States and Canada and a large chicken reiser, says from experience that if St. Jacobs Oil is mixed with dough and fed to poultry suffering from chicken cholera all that are able to swallow will be restored to health, and it saturated pills are forced down the throats of those that cannot swallow they will flap their wings and crow in your face.

Henry N. Smith is said to have declared publicly during one of his previous financial embarrassments, "Mark my words, sooner or later I shall reduce Jay Gould to poverty, so he shall earn his bread in the street with a hand organ and a monkey."

Excitement in Texas.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Pharis, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; every body said he was dying of consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial bottles of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at John G. Walker.

President Cleveland is credited by a Washington correspondent with using no official letter-paper provided at public expense, but buying his own.

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A number of white miners have gone to work in mine No. 6 of the Keith & Perry coal company, and a number more will be added from time to time as they are needed. Everything has apparently settled down to business in and around the mine. The "coons" were in the city last Saturday and in to church Sunday, and are as free to come and go as any of the white miners. In an interview with Capt. Sweeney, Supt. of the mines, a Review reporter was informed that the management of the company had no preference for colored miners on general principles, but that it was a matter of grave importance to the company to have their mines operated; they could not afford to dilly-dally with a class of men who were not willing to work themselves, or let others if they could prevent it. The resort to colored miners was, perforce necessary, and, now here, would be retained for an indefinite time to suit the situation.—Mining Review.

Senator George Vest.

George Graham Vest, United States senator from Missouri, hails from the blue grass country famous for its whisky, horses and women. He was born in Frankfort, Ky., on December 6, 1830. He was very small when born, and has never been quite able to catch up with his growth since that event. His consolation, however, is that what he lacks in height he has made up in breadth. The youthful mind of this now shining star in the political firmament received its first training at Central college, Kentucky, whence he was graduated in 1848. Five years later he was graduated from the law department of the Transylvania university, at Lexington, Ky. In the same year he moved to Missouri, and began to practice law in Booneville at a time when branch penitentiaries were not thought of. Whether the pigs, goats, sheep, cattle, etc., that he received in return for his legal services were in sufficient number for him to open a live stock show has unfortunately never transpired. In 1860 he held his first prominent political position, being presidential elector on the democratic ticket. Later on he was a member of the Missouri house of representatives, in which capacity he served two years. He was also a member of the confederate senate for one year and thus lost the right to the proud title of colonel, which every patriot who served in the confederate army has a right to assume. He was elected to the United States senate and took his seat March 18, 1879, which clearly illustrates his magnanimity in his dealings with enemies. On the expiration of his term he was re-elected, and his term will expire March 3, 1891, unless he inconsistently expires before that time. Mr. Vest is very plain in dress and appearance. He is very sociable and easily approached. Although he might be taken for a farmer by a stranger, those who know the inward workings of that preponderant occupant of his will smile pityingly at such an error. Mr. Vest is married and can therefore allow politicians to fondle his buttons and buttonholes with impunity. He has gray hair—another concomitant of marital bliss. The honorable senator's obituary will appear at some future time.—St. Louis Chronicle.

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